from them. This Government have not intervened in that matter. They use their own influence with the Government of India and get those concessions. They are getting, as a consequence, a quota from the Government of India while others are getting paper from the paper mills at rates which the Punalur Mills Company have fixed, having regard to their outlay and other charges and also payment of wage rolls and so forth. In these circumstances, a comparison between one newspaper and another is not accurate, because certain newspapers get directly from the Government of India at special rates.

Assault by the Excise Reserve Guard.

38. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints in Makaram 1119 about the unwarranted assault by the Excise Reserve Guards on people living near the Kalady market in the Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Parur, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Alwaye, and the District Magistrate, Kottayam, have conducted any enquiry into this matter; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative the result of such an enquiry and the action taken on the same?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Temporary arrack shops during makaravilakku season.

39. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of temporary arrack shops opened during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120; and

(*b*) the necessity for opening temporary arrack shops during the Makaravilakku festivals?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan:

	Year.	Kottayam Division.	Mavelikara Division.	Total.
(*a*)	1118	2	4	6
	1119	2	4	6
	1120	2	4	6

(*b*) To meet the demand for arrack in connection with the festival at certain places where regular licenses have not been issued.

Transport of Food Grains.

40. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they commandeer country crafts for the transport of food grains;

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